

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

What is the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine?

The Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that may prevent COVID-19. There is no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the J&J COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

Do patients need a second dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

The J&J COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as **a single dose**, into the muscle. There is a chance that booster shots will be recommended in the future, but one dose has shown to be very effective in protecting against COVID-19 infection.

What are the possible side effects of the vaccine?

Side effects that have been reported with the J&J COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site (arm): pain, swelling, redness
- Throughout the body: fatigue, headache, chills, fever, body aches

These side effects usually start within a day or two of getting the vaccine. They might feel like flu symptoms and may impact your ability to do daily activities, but most people experience mild symptoms that resolve in a few days.

You can report vaccine side effects to **FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**. The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include “Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

Do some people have allergic reactions to the vaccine?

Individuals with a known history of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to a previous vaccine or to any component of the J&J COVID-19 Vaccine should consult with their doctor before receiving the vaccine. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

Appropriate medical treatment to manage immediate allergic reactions will be immediately available. Those receiving the vaccine at Outside In will be asked to wait for 15 to 30 minutes after their dose while a Medical Provider monitors for adverse reactions.

How well does the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine prevent COVID-19?

- The J&J Vaccine was 66.3% effective in clinical trials (efficacy) at preventing laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 illness in people who had no evidence of prior infection 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine. People had the most protection 2 weeks after getting vaccinated.
- The vaccine had high efficacy at preventing hospitalization and death in people who did get sick. No one who got COVID-19 at least 4 weeks after receiving the J&J/Janssen vaccine had to be hospitalized.
- Since clinical trials, new evidence suggests that the J&J Vaccine is at least 85% effective in preventing severe cases of COVID-19 infection

Can the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine infect me with the virus?

No. The J&J COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and can't give you COVID-19.

Can pregnant or nursing persons receive the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine?

While there have been no specific studies in these groups, there is no contraindication to receipt of the vaccine for those who are pregnant or nursing. Pregnant or nursing persons should discuss their options with their healthcare providers.

Can people who have already had COVID-19 get the vaccine?

Yes. Limited data suggest that previously infected individuals can be at risk of COVID-19 (i.e., reinfection) and may benefit from vaccination.

Did clinical trial participation include members of racial or ethnic groups at greater risk from COVID-19?

Yes. Overall, 45.3% of participants identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino, 19.4% as African American or Black, 3.3% as Asian, 9.5% as American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.2% as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, 5.6% as multiracial. 58.7% of participants identified themselves as White.

KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD

When you receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, you will get a vaccination card to document the name of the vaccine and date of when you received the vaccine.